

Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
Serial No.: 10/757,503  
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**AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS**

Fig. 3 has been amended to identify the clearance using reference letter C

Attachment: Replacement Sheet

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### **REMARKS**

Claims 1, 2 and 4-6 are all the claims pending in the application. The Examiner continues to reject claims 1, 2 and 4-6 (claim 3 has been cancelled) under § 112 (first paragraph). In addition, the Examiner continues to reject claims 1, 2, 4 and 5 under § 102(b) as being anticipated by Douglass.

Applicants have amended the specification to describe the clearance between pressers 50a and 50b and the shaft 40. In addition, Applicants submit herewith corrected drawings in which the clearance has been identified by reference letter C. Thus, it is submitted that the § 112 (first paragraph) rejection has been overcome.

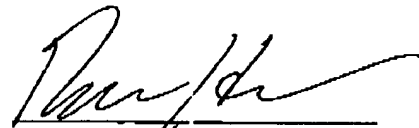
With respect to the § 102 rejection of independent claim 1 based on Douglass, the Examiner asserts that the end caps 122 of Douglass has a "substantially cylindrical shape" See the paragraph bridging pages 2 and 3 of the Office Action. Although Applicants do not agree, Applicants have amended claim 1 to clarify that the pressers have a "tubular shape". This feature of the invention is clearly shown in Figure 3 where pressers 50a and 50b have a tubular shape. In contrast, the end caps 122 in Douglass do not have a tubular shape.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. It is therefore respectfully requested that the application be passed to issuance at the earliest possible convenience. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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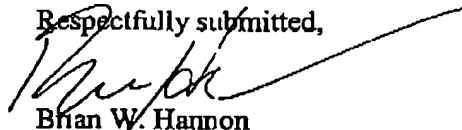
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**CERTIFICATION OF FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION**

Sir:

I hereby certify that the above identified correspondence is being facsimile transmitted to Examiner Matthew J. Kohner at the Patent and Trademark Office on April 29, 2005 at (703) 872-9306.

Respectfully submitted,



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